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Yes, that's a knife in the Senator's hand

The contemplative marksman is Sen. Pat McCarran, friend of Spain's dictator Franco, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, author of the Subversive Activities Control (McCarran) Act, chairman of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee now engaged in smearing everyone who ever said an unkind word about Chiang Kai-shek. This is the face of the new American morality. On Sept. 2 President Truman said that personal freedom "is in more serious danger today than at any time in our history." We agree, but we also add: if the President really means what he says—it's HIS party.

WAR & PEACE

Truman spells out U.S. policy: F-o-r-c-e

AT the Library of Congress last week, President Truman commemorated the 164th anniversary of the Constitution by deep-freezing the original document in helium-filled glass and lashing out at the Soviet Union with a violence hitherto reserved for critics of his daughter's singing. Calling it "the worst tyranny in history," he said:

> **"A Bolshevik agreement is not worth the paper it is written on. It's only a scrap of paper."**

Later, at his weekly press conference, he announced that U.S. policy is based on force, not diplomacy, Asked if this meant that "the other fellow has to use force first," the President replied that he hadn't said that.

Arthur Krock (N.Y. **Times**, Sept. 21) hailed the President for expounding "the major foreign policy of the U.S." in "words . . . plain enough for anyone to understand." Noting that the policy of force originated openly with the Truman Doctrine in 1947, Krock revealed that

> **. . . at Potsdam [July, 1945] he [Truman] began to approach the reluctant conclusion that superior force was the only diplomacy Soviet Russia could understand.**

WHO'S AMBIGUOUS? Columnist David Lawrence (N.Y. **Herald Tribune**, Sept. 18) welcomed the President's comment because "it brushes away all the ambiguous language . . . from Administration spokesmen about the 'door being open' to peace agreements with the Russians." This same Lawrence had

complained in **U.S. News**, Nov. 2, 1945:

> **Less than six months [after] . . . the UN Charter was drafted . . . [and] the world . . . committed to peaceful methods of resolving disputes. . . . We are saying with tongue in our cheeks that, of course, we expect the UN Charter to be useful, but that until it is useful we must have force and more of it. . . . The whole Nazi philosophy was built on the principle . . . that force—military power—is the language of government internally and externally. . . . The rule of force is today dominant. President Truman speaks it. George Marshall speaks it. . . . Our whole government is beginning to adopt the philosophy that the U.S. must have a big army, navy, air force. . . . This is the only solution that Hitler found for Germany's troubles. He distrusted other nations. Now we are beginning to distrust other nations, too, and build a military force to speak for us in the world.**

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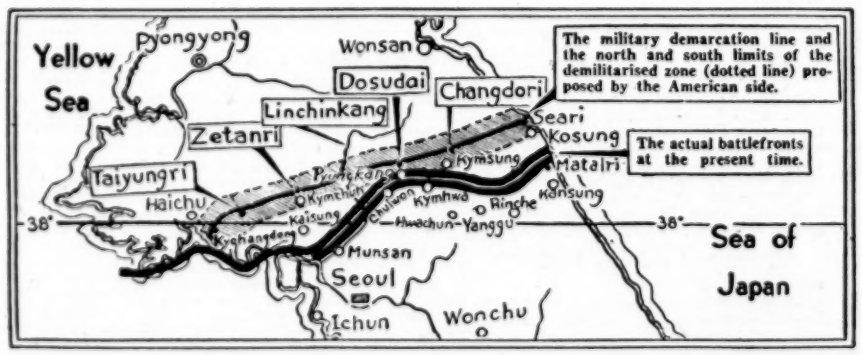

People's China, Peking

REPORTED DEMARCATION LINE PROPOSED BY U.S.
Map presented (as far as is known) for first time in American publication.

"JUSTICE" COMES TO CICERO

Riot jury frees mobsters, indicts foes of violence

This animal is very wicked. When he is attacked he defends himself.
—OLD FRENCH SONG

THAT was in effect the verdict upon the Negro people of the U.S. brought in last week by a Cook County (Ill.) grand jury considering the Cicero riot of last July (GUARDIAN, July 18). The riot, in which a mob of thousands wrecked an apartment house after Negro bus driver Harvey E. Clark Jr. tried to move his family into it, took three days to be finally quelled by the National Guard. When over 100 arrested rioters appeared in court the following week, leaflets headed "Go, Go, Keep Cicero White" were passed out in the name of Joseph Beauharnais' White Circle League which for two years had been methodically stirring up hatred against Negroes in the Chicago area.

The entire Negro community of the U.S. was aroused as never before, seeing the outcome of the riot as a test of their chances of ever emerging from second-class citizenship. Walter White, [redacted] of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, pledged full NAACP legal and financial aid and said: "We are determined that the Clarks move in again." For six weeks 14,000,000 Negroes waited for the grand jury to bring in indictments. Last week it did. Not one of the rioters was named. These were the people indicted:

- George N. Leighton, attorney assigned by NAACP to defend the Clarks;
- Mrs. Camille DeRose, former owner of the wrecked apartment house;
- George C. Adams, Negro attorney for Mrs. DeRose;
- Charles Edwards, Negro renting agent who rented the apartment to the Clarks;
- Norman Silverman, who was arrested on a charge of distributing Communist "End Mob Rule in Cicero" leaflets three weeks after the riot.

CONSPIRED AGAINST PROPERTY: The charge against all except Silverman was "conspiracy" to cause rioting by renting to the Clarks and thus "maliciously and willfully" depreciating property values. A sixth indictment—on the charge of misconduct in public office—was brought in against Police Chief Erwin Konovsky, who at the time of the riot was under federal court injunction to protect the Clarks but refused to send cops to restore order, declaring: "We don't want the blankety blanks in here anyway and this is our way of getting them out."

The indictment against Konovsky calls for no jail sentence. The other five may be jailed for a year if convicted.

Under the heading: POLICE CHIEF INDICTED IN CICERO RACE RIOTS, the New York **Times** carried a five-inch report of the grand jury findings on page 22 of an edition giving 21 inches to a page-one story: EX-KING ZOG BUYS SYOSSET ESTATE WITH 'BUCKET OF DIAMONDS, RUBIES.'

"FANTASTIC ATROCITY": All Negro, civil rights and trade union organizations were aghast. Edward Meyerding, Chicago exec. director of the American Civil Liberties Union (which a day before the riot entered the defense of Beauharnais' right to incite hatred), called the indictments "the most fantastic construction of law I have ever heard." Sidney Williams, exec. secy. of the Chicago Urban League, said it was "an atrocity against democracy." CIO regional director Michael Mann called it "legally fantastic and morally outrageous" and wired President Truman demanding federal intervention. The NAACP called on the President and Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson to take emergency action in the "complete breakdown of democratic processes in Cook County."

Exec. secy. Sidney Ordower of the Chicago Council for Labor Unity said justice had been "completely overturned" in indicting opponents of mob violence while "permitting the real conspirators such as Joseph Beauharnais . . . to go scot-free." The Chicago Council Against Racial & Religious Discrimination at a special meeting called on its 100 affiliates to petition the President and U.S. Atty. Gen. McGrath for a federal grand jury investigation.

HISTORY REPEATS: Harold Nielson, district director of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, linked the decision of a jury headed by a Swift & Co. executive with the union's year-long fight against Swift hiring practices "which discriminate particularly against Negro women." The Illinois Civil Rights Congress, ironically asking why the Clark family itself had not been indicted, declared:

> **The purpose of the Cicero attack, sanctioned by the police, was identical to the Nazi pogroms against the Jewish people—division of the people, pitting of one group against another in order to destroy each separately and to prevent unity in defense of Constitutional and Human rights. The action of this jury . . . tends to strengthen our contention that jimcrow, mob-violence and police intimidation of Negro people as a means of maintaining racial segregation and white supremacy in America are rapidly become official policies of government.**

The NAACP rushed its special counsel Thurgood Marshall to Chicago to head the defense of the indicted persons, as exec. secy. White alerted branches throughout the country and a mass protest rally was planned in Chicago early this week.

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THE MAIL BAG

Midnight at noon

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Just heard an appropriate comment on the recent Japanese Peace Conference: If Acheson at noon on Friday said: "Gentlemen, we will now vote on the U.S. proposal that it is midnight," the vote would have been 48 in favor, 3 against, and 3 not present.

Incidentally, it might be interesting to know how many people were represented by the 48 nations in favor of the pact and how many people were represented by the nations that voted against the pact, including those that refused to attend and the Republic of China.

J. Harrison

Six nations at war with Japan (India, Burma, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, U. S. S. R., Poland) were invited but did not sign. Their population, plus the Chinese Republic, totals 1,100,000,000. The population of the 48 nations which signed (most of them having only a formal declaration of war against Japan) totals 675,000,000. Ed.

Anti-steamroller

RICHMOND, CALIF.

I enclose a dollar in protest against the steamroller performance in San Francisco. J. McCullough

Law No. 53

SAN JUAN, P. R.

Your paper is wonderful! It is trying to bring together what may remain of a one-time democratic United States. Americans are so busy that they have no time to take care of their liberties. Their worst blow is being hatched in Puerto Rico. Our law No. 53 of 1948 is now being tested in court. Should it turn out constitutional your Congress will spare no time in applying it to the Mainland. No American will then be able to think, speak, or write freely. M. Arroyo

Farmers raising hell

GULLY, MINN.

There are rumblings and grumblings being heard among the farmers. Debts are piling up, taxes are going unpaid and there is hell to pay in general. It now takes more than five bushels of barley to pay for a pair of overalls. And to solve this our big shots tell us a national day of prayer has been set. How in hell is prayer going to be used to pay bills or to cover our bare behinds?

Now the farmers have decided that we will raise less crops and more HELL. The honest anti-farmer Republicans and dishonest pro-farmer Democrats will be dumped into the political garbage can where such filth belongs. The first steps have been taken. A conference will be held in Fooston, Minn., Nov. 1. From all indications this is going to be one of the largest meetings of its kind ever held in Minnesota's 9th C. D.

Resolutions by rank-and-file members in various organizations are being passed in sharp and stinging language. This clearly indicates the temper of the farmers. These resolutions are being printed and circulated by the tens of thousands. The progressive fires are beginning to burn away all the confusions, intimidations and hysteria.

W. H. Nienaber

Dollars don't die . . .

JACKSON HEIGHTS, N. Y.

I think the height of American skepticism about the Big Wheels who run our foreign policy has been reached by a bank—yes, a bank. On a recent trip to St. Louis I saw a series of huge billboards advertising the Manchester Savings Bank. On each billboard was a picture of MacArthur's famous old scrambled eggs General's cap. The billboard read:

DOLLARS AREN'T DYING,
THEY'RE JUST FADING AWAY!

Just below this, in smaller letters, the sign read: "See your dollars grow at the Manchester Savings Bank." Alex Efthim

Get well soon!

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I am really embarrassed not to be able to send the GUARDIAN more than $1. In fact, I cannot even afford to send anything because I have been constantly ill and without a job, but I would rather deprive myself of anything else than of the GUARDIAN.

Esther Weisbrot

Confirmation on Korea

BALTIMORE, MD.

The Report of the Women's International Commission for the Investigation of Atrocities in Korea rests almost entirely on the testimony of North Koreans and therefore requires confirmation from other sources. Already there is some confirmation. George A. Fitch, secretary of the YMCA at Pusan, Korea, has written a letter in the Christian Century (Sept. 5, 1951, p. 1019). He is very hostile to communism but states that the American soldiers have raped many in Japan as well as Korea and that very few have been punished for this crime. Here is a sentence from his letter:

"Two assembly members were held up in their car at the point of a gun by GI's who wanted girls and in trying to get away one was killed."

Our soldiers in Korea don't know what they are fighting for and are beginning to realize that the war is lost. Under such conditions discipline is destroyed. The better men think about nothing save getting home to their families, while the worst elements plunge into crime.

Lewis B. Robinson

Message for mothers

LYONS, NEB.

After reading "Report on Korea" by 21 women from 17 different countries, I know now it is high time that we decent American mothers start ganging up on local draft boards for sending our boys into this maelstrom of debauchery in Korea. If we mothers fail to do this—we deserve to be shot for our cowardice. Mrs. H. Sydow

Not one scrap

— — — —, OHIO

Why don't our congressmen stop appropriating money for war purposes? If they were worth a damn they would stop Truman and his gang in their tracks. I am 65 years old and because the crazy lunatics drafted my boy last Feb. I must do my farming alone. I have a suspicion that he will be sent to Korea.

I have a considerable amount of old machinery and old iron and steel junk on hand, but I have absolutely refused to sell it because I do not willingly want to help the warmongers. I will not sell any of my junk (unless it becomes compulsory) or until the U. S. government stops the war and the military preparations. Neither will I buy any government war bonds to help keep up the dirty mess.

If all people in this country who have boys in the military service would get wise and do likewise, it would have some effect on the plans of the warmongers.

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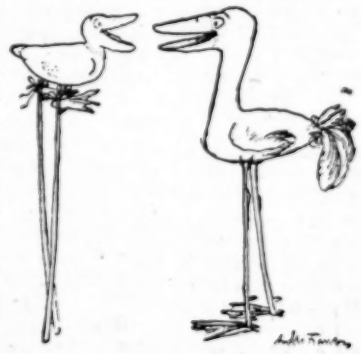

Action, Paris

There's always a way to talk it over.

Is peace foreign?

TOMS RIVER, N. J.

I have just written to Atty. Gen. McGrath, urging that the indictment against Dr. DuBois be dropped, unless we wish to acknowledge publicly, both to America and the world, that advocating peace and opposing the use of atom bombs is "foreign" to America. The charge against that remarkable scholar and leader of the Negro people is a farce and shames our long and honorable tradition of freedom of opinion and expression.

Where will this persecution of workers for peace end?

Will it go on to indict the Society of Friends (Quakers), who propose peaceful settlement of world differences? Or the Methodist Social Action group? Or any trade union, farm or consumer spokesman who says that the way to peace is not through war? (Mrs.) Frances Leber

Fred Wright's cartoons

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I have meant many times before to write you—Fred Wright's cartoons are classics in that caustic art. Each one of them speaks a tome-ful, and how! Marcella Bostick

Cold is now hot

CHICAGO, ILL.

Bail and law is out and a new "order" in. Many former "honorable and loyal" citizens are now outlaws and fugitives from "justice." The preachers and their congregations will come later in their turn.

In the new order (Hitler had one too), the clock is backing up; what was white is now black, and what was cold is now hot.

Name withheld

Was Oatis guilty?

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Has our country gone diplomatically insane? President Truman, a la Hitler, insults the new Czech Ambassador. We threaten all sorts of retaliations against Czechoslovakia. All this because of Wm. Oatis. He was caught spying, and was tried in a Czech court, found guilty and sentenced, all in accordance with the laws of that country. Do we expect the Czechs not to carrry out their laws against spies, when they happen to be American?

I'm sure Wm. Oatis received a much fairer trial in Czechoslovakia than many Americans (the Rosenbergs, Willie McGee, Sgt. Walker, Rosa Ingram, the Communist leaders, etc.) get in our country. Since it's a fact that we're spending large sums of money for secret underground work in Europe, and since Wm. Oatis confessed his guilt in open court, it's very easy for me to believe that he is guilty.

Carl Jefferson

Blintzes

VENICE, CALIF.

Enclosed is $7 which represents the money we raised at the blintzes luncheon. Unfortunately it rained that day. Leonora L. Miller

For the uninitiated, blintzes is a tasty Russian dish—pot cheese wrapped in thin pancake dough, browned and served generally with sour cream. But don't trust this amateur male receipe; ask a lady who knows how. Ed.

Half mast

SOMEWHERE IN THE U. S. A.

It is a beautiful morning here at one of the 15 Old Soldiers' Homes maintained by the federal government. Old Glory is flying in the sun; but she is flying at half-mast, which means another funeral today. And as I hop around on my creaking cork legs (my real ones were shot off at Metz), I think a thought which is this: Every funeral of a World War I vet means one more ending to one more thread of that monstrous and murderous monopolistic mistake that one J. Pierpont Morgan wove with one Woodrow Wilson in four fateful hours on April 16, 1917. For it took this golden demigod and this gurgling demagogue just that long to fabricate all that death, destruction and suffering. Woodrow promised to oblige the banker and did so by declaring U.S. in the big commercial war the next day.

By his own admission before the Pujo Committee, Morgan reaped a secret commission for this job of $52,000,000 from the British government. That is, 2% on all its war purchases made in America. Not counting, of course, his hundreds of millions made on munitions, motors, steel, cement, chemicals, shipping, stock-gambling, international currency juggling and all that. Which was the big why—know ye, all veterans, widows and orphans—for Verdun, Chateau-Thiery; and the poison gas at Ypres and the awful carnage at Pill Box 101, and the Argonne Forest and Belleau Wood. For the countless thousands of paralyzed, sightless, limbless, shell-shocked and demented and otherwise wrecked and ruined Americans still dragging around.

Name withheld

Happy New Year

HARTFORD, CONN.

Enclosed find money order for $2. This $2 is a shame, a crime and a pity for I have saved more than that in buying my plastic raincoat, Kanco razor blades and New Year's cards (I am not Jewish).

Donald Wiley

Abe Greener

FAIRLAWN, N. J.

I would appreciate it if you could find a corner of the GUARDIAN to remember our friend Abe Greener, former Progressive Party chairman, who passed away one year ago. We miss his courage very much.

Edna Berliner

Peace Conference

(Or, How to Win Votes and Influence John Foster Dulles)

Laos, Cambodia and Viet-Nam
To the conference they did come.
Those three votes, I know none finer:
They used to be French, Indo and China.

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A LESSON FOR AMERICA

Australia votes down new police state bill

SINCE HE WAS FIRST ELECTED to office in 1949, Australia"s conservative Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies has sought to cripple or destroy Australia's labor movement by the simple device of outlawing the Communist Party. Communists are in the leadership of most of the country's key unions.

Early this year Menzies managed to wangle from Parliament a Communist Party Dissolution Act, a law so broad in scope that it threatened the destruction of any minority group critical of the government. The Full High Court by six to one invalidated it. It held that Parliament was exercising a power it did not possess, unless the country's six states expressly yielded it. Menzies dissolved his government, called new elections, won a majority in both houses, presented to the electorate a referendum on a constitutional amendment giving the government the right to dissolve any organization of which it disapproved without the right to a jury trial.

19 TIMES NO: In his campaign for his bill, Menzies leaned heavily on the U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the Smith Act. But most Australians would have none of it. For one thing the six states have always jealously guarded their powers, rebuffed repeated efforts of the government to assume them (since the turn of the century they have defeated such efforts 19 times). For another thing, the people wanted no police state which—Labor Party chief Herbert Evatt, former president of UN's General Assembly, asserted—would result if the referendum won.

The Australian **News-Review**, a progressive monthly, campaigned against it, quoted Frank Browne's weekly circular for Australian businessmen:

> **If the referendum, which will be taken in an atmosphere of as near panic as possible, results in a Yes vote, then the critics of the government can all be silenced, simply by averring that any such critic is a communist; and the penalties for being a communist, more important, for not being able to prove that you are not, can now be stepped up to a point where only the boldest and most reckless will venture anything but praise of the government.**

OUT WITH INFORMERS: The **News-Review** also published a supplement prepared by the Australian Council for Civil Liberties which urged a No vote, concluding with this appeal:

> **A NO vote means: No police state for Australia! No abolition of the right to trial by jury! No official combing of the criminal underworld, Australia-wide, for a sufficient army of informers and pimps to prey on honest citizens!**

Over the week-end the results came in: the referendum was defeated by a margin of 113,416 votes. The tally: 1,957,377 for, 2,072,793 against. The measure lost on two counts: it failed of a majority, had only three states approving it rather than the four required.

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The Australian News-Review *was the first publication outside the U. S. which picked up the GUARDIAN's series on the Rosenberg Case; copies of the paper with two pages of GUARDIAN excerpts reached N.Y. as we went to press. Letters received from editors in several other countries promise wide circulation of the facts on the Rosenberg atrocity to the peoples of the Washington-dominated world..*

"ABOVE ALL, TRUTH BEARETH AWAY THE VICTORY."

Truman spells out U.S. policy: F-o-r-c-e

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Sparked by the President, Washington threatened force last week more stridently than ever. The Pentagon announced tests of atomic weapons against front-line combat troops. The President asked another half billion dollars for the H-bomb. Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.), chairman of Congress' Atomic Energy Committee, called for a tenfold atomic expansion to provide an atom-armed army, navy, airforce—a program which (said the N.Y. **Herald Tribune**) had the quiet backing of the Pentagon. A huge new expansion of the air force was seen in hints by Air Secy. Finletter that it would be exempted from the "balanced forces" concept.

Only Joseph Alsop (N.Y. **Herald Tribune,** Sept. 21) noted that "the soothing 'wonder weapon' story is getting under way again," issued "a practical warning against what may be called the science fiction approach to American military problems."

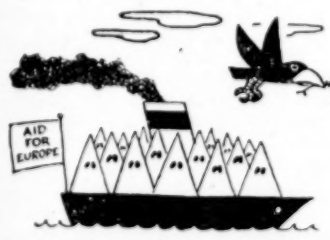
TELLING THE "ALLIES": There was nothing of the "science fiction" approach at the Ottawa meeting of the Atlantic Pact Council, where the Pentagon roughly told its allies to speed up their war preparations. James Reston (N.Y. **Times,** Sept. 18), noting that the allies were "sensitive" and "bridling," reported this typical incident:

> Bradley was called upon to make a few remarks in explanation of the Standing Group's reports. He made a very few remarks and when called upon by some members to elaborate, he declined to do so in terms which were regarded by some members as somewhat undiplomatic, if not curt.

Anne O'Hare McCormick (N.Y. **Times,** Sept. 19) wrote:

> Nothing is more evident here than the general awareness that the NATO decisions are essentially American decisions.

Britain, France, the lesser allies came to Ottawa determined to make it a "burden-sharing exercise" — that is, to distribute the arms cost according to "ability to pay," hence increasing the



U.S. "burden" (**Wall St. Journal,** Sept. 17). Instead they got from Eisenhower a demand for a 33% increase in their military production for fiscal 1952; from Treasury Secy. Snyder a rude awakening about U.S. aid.

NO PLACE TO GO: Snyder told them the U.S. will not go beyond present commitments on financing European deficits whether traceable to rearmament or for any other reason. Felix Belair (N.Y. **Times,** Sept. 19) reported that Snyder

> . . . believes much of the trouble has stemmed from a "business as usual" attitude by most countries taking part in the rearmament effort. He has not directly mentioned welfare programs in Britain or housing programs in most European countries except in talks with members of the U.S. delegation. What [he] has said to the finance ministers is that by continuing to underwrite European deficits the U.S. would be rewarding inefficient management . . . there is room for retrenchment in most Western European budgets and that the time has come [to] re a few politically unpopular decl- . . . Mr. Snyder replied character-

While Korea burns

A couple of the boys got together at the 1st Marine Base in Korea for an impromptu jam session, no doubt bored with the monotony of dropping jellied gasoline bombs on Koreans. On the trumpet: Gen. John B. Coulter, U. S. 8th Army. At the drums: Syngman Rhee, South Korean president.

> istically to suggestions . . . that the European leaders might not follow U. S. leadership if the Treasury head persisted in his hold the line policy. "Where are they going to go?" Mr. Snyder inquired.

All the Atlantic allies got was a promise of some half billion dollars of arms sales to the U.S. (to help reduce their dollar deficit); vague talk about a "big new foreign aid program" to be presented to Congress in January; and the election of a "Committee of Wise Men" headed by the U.S., Britain and France to produce a rearmament balance sheet by Dec. 1. They were permitted to issue an Ottawa Declaration asserting their intention to collaborate in the economic and cultural fields as well as the military, in deference to the strong feeling

> . . . that the U. S. is driving its allies too far and too fast along a road where the perils along the way, or on the home front, are as great as the danger of war. (Anne O'Hare McCormick, N. Y. Times, Sept. 24).

THE BRUSH-OFF: The parley was hailed as a brilliant success but there was little rejoicing among the allies. The **Times** (Sept. 23) reported from Paris that French officials

> . . . viewed the results of their negotiations as a prelude to new political frictions and to a desperate struggle with inflation in the months to come. . . . [They] view their present situation with consternation and are doubtful whether France can keep her promises without additional aid.

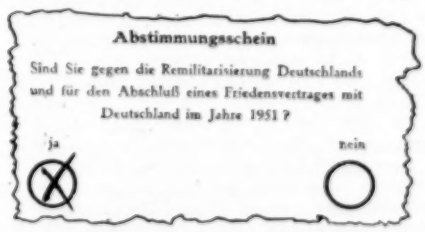
Italy's Premier de Gasperi, journeying to Washington to see the President, faced the possibility of returning empty-handed. Socialist leader Nenni commented that

> . . . the U. S. now counted on Germany and Japan for support against the Soviet Union and was intent on wooing Belgrade and Madrid. Washington will listen with ill-concealed boredom to Signor de Gasperi's "sermons" and will give him a quick and decisive brush-off.

The **Times** said "many neutral observers" agree with the Left that if de Gasperi returns empty-handed he will be swept from power and Italy withdrawn from the Atlantic Pact.

A DISH OF TURKEY: All the allies were unhappy about the decision to include Greece and Turkey in the Pact and so "push allied air bases that close to the Soviet Union" (Reston, **Times,** Sept. 23). Although the new Pact candidates had yet to be ratified by legislatures of the 12 members, by the weekend Gen. Bradley was already on his way to Turkey to speed war preparations. The scope of the new alliance was suggested by Vice President Barkley's revelation that Israel is building huge new air bases for Western use, and by a U.S. initiative for an Israel-Arab rapprochement as the basis for a mideast alliance.

Most important discussions at Ottawa —those concerning the re-creation of Hitler's army—were shrouded in secrecy, but sailing was not smooth. The East Zone proposal for all-German elections resulted in "serious differences" when the U.S. demanded outright rejection while Britain favored "exploration." The N.Y. **Times'** Drew Middleton (Sept. 24) noted W. German Chancellor Adenauer's unstable position, a rebellion within his coalition by the Free Democratic Party backed by the Ruhr industrialists, and the powerful opposition of the Social Democratic Party. Some Bonn deputies reported as many as 70% of their constituents opposed to remilitarization.


Abstimmungsschein
Sind Sie gegen die Remilitarisierung Deutschlands und für den Abschluß eines Friedensvertrages mit Deutschland im Jahre 1951 ?
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THE "JA'S" ARE FOR PEACE

The ballot asks: "Are you against the re-militarization of Germany and for the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany in 1951?" After a hailstorm of "Ja's" in Eastern Germany, 90% of Germans approached in the West zones (where the ballot is now being circulated) are reported putting their cross in the left corner.

VOTE FOR ENTHUSIASM! The British delegation to Ottawa, headed by Foreign Secy. Morrison, returned to face a general election on Oct. 25, forced by Britain's deepening economic crisis. When Premier Attlee called the elections the stock market went wild, business shares zooming more than $300,000,000 in a few hours. Yet Joseph Newman reported from London to the N.Y. **Herald Tribune** (Sept. 21):

> Voters will decide not between socialism and capitalism (the Labor Government has left the capitalist system in Britain basically intact and has introduced very little if any socialism) but between two major parties which claim to have the best solution of current economic problems.

Labor geared its campaign to presenting itself as the "peace party." Defense Minister Shinwell explained:

> "To embark on a vast rearmament program with enthusiasm is not labor's way. We leave that to the Tory Party."

British voters apparently must choose between rearmament with or without enthusiasm; all correspondents agreed there was no issue of foreign policy or defense between the two parties. On the eve of the election call Labour rebel Aneurin Bevan published a new pamphlet declaring the party leadership was leading the nation to catastrophe. He named the biggest trade union leaders by name, accused them of dishonesty to the rank and file, used their own words to prove it. Later, Bevan called on his followers to "close ranks" behind Attlee to prevent a Tory victory.

North Koreans ask new truce talks

IN KOREA, UN and North Korean-Chinese liaison officers met to discuss reopening of the armistice talks suspended for 33 days. The meeting represented still another North Korean concession: Gen. Ridgway had refused to agree to a demand for a joint investigation of charges of repeated UN violations of the neutrality zone.

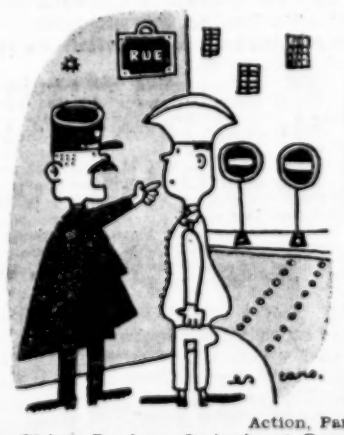
Censorship has blacked out developments in Korea but these facts are clear: the Communist charges are detailed; they say they have evidence; they claim, for example to have captured South Korean personnel involved in the killing of three Chinese policemen in August, have broadcast their names, ages, units.

Just as the Communists agreed to a meeting on Ridgway's terms, Ridgway launched an all-out tank offensive, Operation Cleaver. This repeated a familiar pattern: since the talks began July 10, the U.S. has increased the pressure whenever the Communists have made a concession. The U.S. strategy apparently has shifted from announced willingness to negotiate a cease fire on the 38th Parallel to trying to win a cease fire on the basis of military victory.

FRENCH ABOUT-FACE: In the UN, Assembly President Entezam conferred last week with Secy. Gen. Trygve Lie in an attempt to keep the new General Assembly in Paris from discussing the admission of New China. When the present Assembly opened, a seven-power committee was set up to report on China's credentials. It has never reported. The U.S. wants this Assembly to adjourn without a report.

In Washington, Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny, commander of French forces in Indo-China, won promises of substantial U.S. aid in France's colonial war —a move viewed as tightening the U.S. encirclement of China. The N.Y. **Times** reported Sept. 19 that as a result of "recent U.S. pressure" Paris had executed "a complete change of face" toward Chiang Kai-shek, had granted de Lattre permission to decide on whether or not to repatriate 30,000 Chiang troops interned in Indo-China. Said the **Times:**

> A "rapprochement" between the French and the Nationalists has been much sought by Washington. According to one development reported here, such a "rapprochement" is now virtually essential.



Action, Paris

"Indo-China Boulevard starts at Grand Army Avenue and runs parallel to Bank Street and ends at the Boulevard of Invalids."

DuBois at Town Hall

The last public address by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois (see PEACE, p. 7) before facing trial for advocating peace will be made at Town Hall, 123 W. 43rd St., New York City, on Friday Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. The GUARDIAN urges N.Y. area readers to reserve seats in advance to avoid disappointment ($1.20, 85c for members, Natl. ASP, 49 W. 44th St., N.Y.C. 18, MU 7-2161).

LABOR

Move to unify 11 left unions hinted

EVER SINCE 11 left-wing unions were expelled from the CIO in the last two years, there has been hope that they would find a way to work together. Last week the hope got a big boost. At the 16th annual convention of the independent United Electrical Workers union, John Clark, president of the independent Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, said:

> "I know that soon there is going to be a meeting called which organizations that desire unity will be asked to attend. The time is ripe for a move to solidify the true union people together."

He gave no details of time, place or unions involved, but said:

> "There has got to be a greater degree of unity not only WITHIN the international unions, but there is a need of greater unity BETWEEN the internationals."

The convention itself, attended by 600 delegates representing 310,000 members in 1,020 plants, unanimously adopted a unity resolution:

> The general executive board, districts and the locals should take every possible step leading to the unity of all American labor—AFL, CIO and independent—with our union leading the way in achieving that unity. Our immediate objective will be to find every common ground for joint action with any union or unions on a minimum program in the interests of our membership.

ON THE OFFENSIVE: A year of progress was reported, capped by the convention-eve victory in NLRB elections at General Electric's main plant in Schenectady where UE beat its CIO rival union by 2½ to 1. During the year, UE gained 60,000 new members, was chosen bargaining agent by 44 new plants. Said president Albert J. Fitzgerald: "This union, from this day on, is on the offensive."

ALBERT J. FITZGERALD
The mood was tough

An organizing drive was planned to recruit 100,000 new members.

The union's main offensive was directed against the wage freeze; a "fighting fund" of at least $1,000,000 was voted, to be raised by voluntary contributions of $5 per member. Locals were directed to demand wage increases without regard to Wage Stabilization Board regulations; a resolution on the subject said:

> The corporations would not have been able to impose the wage freeze upon American labor without the assistance of the officials of AFL and CIO. These "labor statesmen" betrayed their membership—first by adopting the big business formula that "workers make too much money" and second by themselves participating in the WSB, the machinery by which the wage freeze is enforced, and thirdly by making the escalator clause, the brainchild of Walter Reuther and General Motors' Charlie Wilson, government policy.

BLUES IN BUFFALO: Unhappiness was the mood at the convention of UE's rival CIO union (IUE) in Buffalo. The blow of its defeat at Schenectady was aggravated by internal differences and bitter rivalries with other CIO unions. President James Carey, during a fiery debate on a dues increase from $1.50 to $2 a month, took public note of "a campaign to disrupt" and "a movement of secession" by Minneapolis and Chicago locals. During the year IUE has been opposed in NLRB elections 21 times by CIO's auto workers, 16 times by CIO's steelworkers. A featured speaker was Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, whom Carey introduced as an "enlightened industrialist." Johnston said he

would "like to see Jim Carey as one of our ambassadors abroad"; Carey said he would like to have Johnson as one of his organizers.

CIO president Philip Murray told the convention that AFL leaders are "fossils," but did not rule out AFL-CIO unification. He said a "proper and legitimate organization" to include all U.S. workers is a possibility.

AFL SCOURGE JOB: In San Francisco the AFL's 70th convention found an enemy within and without to scourge. Without was Russia "provoking and promoting war throughout the world" ("our government must carry on the war in Korea as long as it may be necessary" to defeat Russia); within "inflation is our country's devastating enemy. . . ."

President Harry Truman in a message saw three enemies: "Communist aggression," "inflation," "reaction." Eric Johnston was a speaker there, too. He said labor leaders must serve on the "defense team," urged more cooperation with management for bigger war production.

CALIFORNIA

Victims toss back 'un-American' charges

SOME 80 persons have lost their jobs in the movie industry through being smeared by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Last week the Un-AAC was in Los Angeles, digging for new victims but admitting that of over 50 subpenaed no more than a dozen would cooperate. Most cooperative was screen writer Martin Berkeley, who had changed his mind since he wired the committee last April hotly charging Richard Collins with perjury in naming him as an ex-Communist. Berkeley now said he had been a CP member and named over 100 others.

Most witnesses were as hostile as writer-producer Henry Blankfort. Asked if he would report an act of sabotage if he saw it committed by a Communist, he looked at committee counsel Frank S. Tavenner Jr. and said:

> "I would report it even if I saw you committing it."
>
> Tavenner: "You aren't likely to see me committing one."
>
> Blankfort: "You're committing one right now."

AN ANGRY CLERGYMAN: The committee also had a bad time with Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of Los Angeles' First Unitarian Church, whom it accused at a pre-hearing secret session of giving "aid and comfort to the Communist cause for many years." Refusing to discuss church matters with the committee (he reminded a radio audience later that "a responsible clergyman is a minister 24 hours a day"), he merely read this statement:

> I am profoundly shocked at this first example to my knowledge of the committee's calling before it of a parish minister. Every clergyman in the land should be equally alarmed. As a churchman and as a citizen I am appalled and indignant at this invasion of my duties and privileges as a minister of religion. . . .
>
> We of the churches and synagogues have a relationship of intimate confidence in the confessional and study, which is recognized by custom and tradition in this land. If this House Committee can invade that confidence, men and women will have little reason to believe that sacredness of the minister-parishioner relationship is inviolate. . . . If this Committee should succeed in subpenaing the ministers of this country and intimidating them, both American democracy and unfettered religion as we have known them for 165 years will vanish. I wish to have no part in such a disaster and I shall do all I possibly can to prevent it from taking place.

The Board of Trustees of Fritchman's church unanimously adopted a resolution "heartily" backing his stand.

THE REAL CONSPIRATORS: Others were equally defiant. Said Michael Wilson, co-author of **A Place In the Sun**, regarded by many as the best of recent Hollywood films:

> "I know of only two conspiracies in Hollywood—this committee's conspiracy to destroy the last vestige of free cultural expression in the film industry, and the industry leaders' conspiracy of appeasement by which they have agreed to blacklist any filmmaker whose views do not conform to the committee's standards."

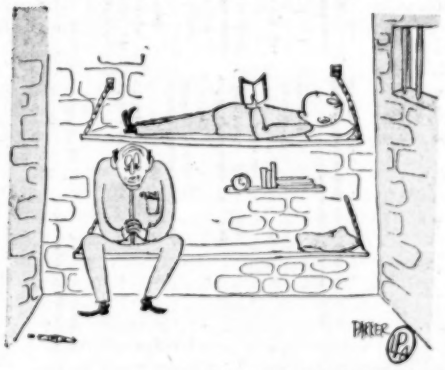
Alfred Lewis Levitt, co-author of **Mrs. Mike** and **The Boy With Green Hair**, wrote in a movie trade paper ad:

> Like most of you, I have been opposed to the un-American Activities Committee for a long time. . . . The Committee has demonstrated that it thrives on submissiveness and hysteria. I am with all who are for resistance and reason.

The Los Angeles Arts, Sciences & Professions Council took a full-page ad in **Daily Variety** in which it warned:

> Sooner or later every man and woman who dares think an independent thought . . . will face a Committee investigation.

The Council picketed the hearings, packed the hearing room itself.



International Oil Worker

> "I was on this investigating committee. . . . By the time I realized I was investigating myself, it was too late!"

UN-PROBEWORTHY: Ignored by the committee were requests for investigations made recently by two Californians. Rep. Samuel Yorty (D) of Los Angeles urged a probe of Robert H. Williams of Santa Ana, publisher of violent anti-Semitic literature. Albert Levitt of Santa Monica, former federal judge in the Virgin Islands and recent candidate for the Senate, sent this telegram to the committee:

> I feel it is my duty as a loyal American and a Republican to tell you that I have what I believe to be irrefutable evidence that Sen. Joseph McCarthy is, himself, a member of subversive organizations whose purpose is to overthrow the government of the United States, by peaceful means if possible, but by force if necessary. I ask that you permit me to appear before your committee to testify under oath.

The Un-AAC was uninterested.

CHILLED WITCHCRAFT IN S.F.: Meanwhile in San Francisco the State's own Senate fact-finding Committee on Un-American Activities conducted two days of hearings into five Bay area organizations it deemed subversive: the California Labor School, the East Bay Arts, Sciences & Professions Council, the American-Russian Institute, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, the Civil Rights Congress.

Nine of 11 witnesses refused to answer questions and faced possible contempt citations. The other two answered so meagerly as to classify them "unfriendly." Members of the organizations involved picketed the proceedings and jammed the hearing room.

Bill of What?

The Crusade for Freedom booth—to solicit funds for U.S. propaganda in Europe—was set up on a busy downtown corner in San Rafael, Calif., on a recent Saturday morning. Nearby four citizens, one accompanied by her three-year-old daughter, distributed copies of the Bill of Rights. Hundreds gathered when cops hustled up, forced the four into squad cars, whipped them off to jail. The charge: violating a city anti-handbill ordinance.

POLITICS

2 Progressives run for Phila. Council

TWO PROGRESSIVE PARTY candidates are in the race for the City Council-at-Large in Philadelphia. They are Alice P. Liveright, former State Secy. of Public Welfare, and John L. Holton, Negro leader. They were nominated by petition before the primary; 11,000 signatures of registered voters of all parties were filed in their behalf.

Last week they issued a Ten Point Program for a Better Philadelphia. Among the points were: repeal of the wage tax; better transit service and lower fares; rent control at pre-Korean levels; adequate health, education, welfare, sanitation, and recreation services; full Negro representation at all levels of city government and an end to police brutality against Negroes.

Mrs. Liveright also endorsed a nonpartisan proposal for split-ticket voting in the November elections. She said:

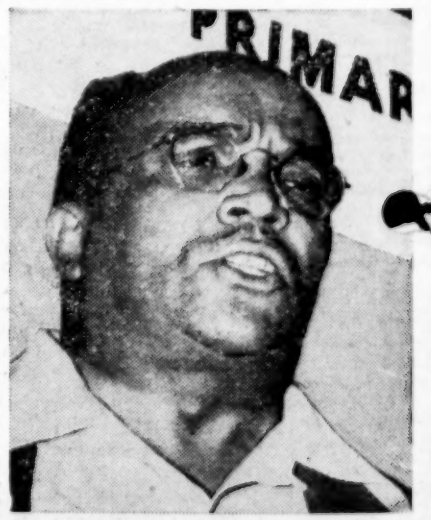
> "Straight ticket voting has been the curse of Philadelphia politics for a long time. Neither major party has slated a ticket on which all candidates are of integrity and competence. Thousands of Philadelphia voters want to split their ticket but are fearful of doing so. They fear invalidating their vote altogether. What is necessary is a public education campaign on how to split a ticket."

Cobo renominated in Detroit; Labor's man a poor second

IN a primary which saw only 229,000 of Detroit's 792,000 eligible voters go to the polls, Mayor Alfred E. Cobo, backed by the press and big Detroit business, was renominated on Sept. 11 by better than 2-1 over his nearest rival, Edgar M. Branigan, newspaperman backed by most of the AFL and CIO. The vote: Cobo, 138,103; Branigan, 62,957. The finals are Nov. 6.

It was said Branigan was in the race largely as a guinea pig for the Democratic Party's chances in 1952 in Michigan. Although the election is nonpartisan, there was considerable interest in seeing where the voters turned out to support the labor candidate. Despite ardent calls from the CIO leadership, union members stayed away from the polls in droves.

Also nominated were 18 persons for the nine City Council seats; 71 candidates were in the race. All incumbents received top places. One of the non-incumbent candidates in the finals will be Rev. Charles A. Hill, outspoken fighter for Negro rights.



REV. CHARLES A. HILL
The voters get a choice

THE ROSENBERG CASE—VI

Did the court prejudice jury against defendants?

By William A. Reuben
GUARDIAN special reporter

WHEN TESTIMONY had been completed in the espionage trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in Foley Square last March, and just before the summation and the judge's charge, attorney Alexander Bloch (who with his son Emanuel represented Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg) addressed Judge Irving Kaufman with the following motion:

"I move for a mistrial upon the ground that the frequent questioning by the Court . . . of witnesses, especially the defendants, had a tendency of unduly influencing the jury to the prejudice of the defendants and depriving them of their constitutional right to a fair and impartial trial."

Judge Kaufman indignantly brushed the motion aside and challenged the defense's sincerity in making it.

HECKLING & SMEARS: A selection of examples of what the defense motion referred to follow. The reader should judge them against this background:

The government had outlined to the jury a spy-melodrama case against the Rosenbergs for which it offered no testimony or documentary proof. As the GUARDIAN pointed out last week, this "headline" case not only was supported by no evidence whatsoever, but the details of it were not even contained in the "overt acts" charged in the indictment. Instead, the "overt acts" were ordinary day-to-day activities of a typical young New York progressive couple, distorted into "charges" by the testimony of three witnesses all of whom bought light sentences or immunity by offering incriminating versions of these alleged "overt acts."

However, the case against the Rosenbergs as presented in the "overt acts" was clearly not sufficient to win a conviction unless the couple cou'd be indelibly smeared before the ju y as Communists and "Russia Firs!ers."

THE FACT THAT WASN'T: When the Government called its first witness (Max Elitcher, CCNY classmate of Julius Rosenberg's and a man with a 5-year perjury rap hanging over him for concealing Communist affiliations in obtaining a government job), Judge Kaufman interrupted the prosecutor's direct examination of the witness to address the jury as follows:

"I want you to understand right at the outset that THE FACT THAT THEY [the defendants] WERE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY [emphasis ours] does not establish the elements necessary to prove them guilty of the crime charged in this indictment, which is conspiracy to commit espionage. However I am admitting this testimony on the theory of motive, but the Government will have to establish that there is some connection between Communism and committing the offense charged in the indictment."

There had been no evidence up to this point that the Rosenbergs were Communists, yet the judge referred to this as a "fact." The only "fact" then in existence bearing on this point was Julius Rosenberg's denial of Communist affiliations in seeking to regain his Signal Corps job in 1945.

Thus Judge Kaufman, in the apparent act of counseling the jury on how to judge the evidence, committed the first act of implanting the defendants' "Communism" in the jury's minds.

ON THE HONOR OF BENTLEY: Later, when the Government brought Elizabeth Bentley to the stand to offer her now-familiar testimony that all Communists are spies for Moscow, Judge Kaufman carefully pointed out to the jury that this testimony was what he had referred to in his foregoing statement about the connection between Communism and espionage.

THE COURT: "I assume that this is the casual connection that we have been talking about between membership in the party and intending to give an advantage to a foreign government, to wit, the U. S. S. R., as charged in the indictment."

As Bentley continued with her testimony, Judge Kaufman again interrupted to ask:

THE COURT: "Very well. Now, with particular reference to the instructions concerning help or aid to Russia, did I understand your testimony that the Communist Party officials instructed the members of the Party orally and in writing, in a general way, to do everything possible to aid Russia?"

A. "That's correct, yes."

The judge then explained the import of Bentley's testimony to the jury, in a way which amounted to little more than his earlier question spelled backwards:

JUDGE IRVING KAUFMAN
He sat in judgment

THE COURT: "The purpose for which this testimony was taken . . . is not to establish the guilt here of the crime charged because any of them might have been members of the Communist Party, but it is to show a link, as the Government contends, exists between aiding Russia . . . and being members of the Communist Party. . . ."

Judge smears defense

When it became the defense's turn, Judge Kaufman was less cooperative, and in fact openly antagonistic. Atty. E. H. Bloch sought to question Elitcher about the circumstance that he, a government witness, was represented by the same lawyer, O. John Rogge, as two defendants in the indictment, David and Ruth Greenglass. Prosecutor Irving Saypol objected.

SAYPOL: "Will your honor let me state on the record my objections? I think the cross-examination is taking a turn which is wholly unfair to the prosecution. First there is an implication that the U. S. Government recommends lawyers and witnesses to defendants."

THE COURT (sustaining the objection): "Well, you had better be prepared, Mr. Saypol, for many, many more implications by the defense in this trial. . . ."

IRRELEVANT BUT VICIOUS: Contrarily, when defense objected later on as irrelevant to Saypol's questioning of Ethel Rosenberg about having signed a nominating petition for a Communist candidate in 1941, the court quickly ruled: "There is relevancy"—thus in three words affirming for the jury the contention of the McCarran Act that such association is sufficient to prove "Communism," with all the connotations already built up in the jury's minds.

Again, when Julius Rosenberg testified he held low-cost insurance on his family with the Intl. Workers Order, Saypol demanded to know whether IWO was not "an organization whose members exclusively are members of the Communist Party?" This was a truly Hitlerian lie by inference, but attorney Bloch objected merely that the prosecutor was "really going off the issue."

"Oh, no!" the Court ruled.

A basic defense contention was that the Greenglasses, to save their own necks, had implicated the Rosenbergs under FBI urging because of animosities which had grown up between the couples in 1949-50 over business differences. Greenglass admitted the differences but insisted he and Rosenberg had remained "good friends."

Q. (by E. H. Bloch): "Did you ever come to blows with Julius?"

A. (by David Greenglass): "No, I didn't."

Q. "Do you remember an incident when you were sitting in the corner candy store at Houston St. and Av. D when your brother Bernie had to separate the both of you?"

A. "It slipped my mind."

THE COURT: "Subsequent to that, had you patched things up?"

A. "Certainly. We were very friendly after that."

ALICE OUT-ALICED: The Greenglasses' testimony, in an effort to connect family gatherings with the Rosenbergs to the alleged spy plot, freely tossed off names of guests etc. as persons connected with Julius in espionage activity. (None of these persons was called as a witness or named in any indictment.) One, now a music student in Europe, was depicted as a beneficiary of Julius' supposed ability to provide money and means for agents to flee the country. Another, an active social worker and child psychologist, was portrayed as the bearer of $2,000 to Cleveland to help another agent over the border. Still another, referred to in the subsequent exchange, was allegedly first pointed out to Greenglass by Rosenberg as a person who would contact him in New Mexico for information. Later they met socially but Greenglass could testify to no discussion of espionage matters. Rosenberg testified that the woman and her husband had been merely dinner guests at a homecoming for David Greenglass. Attorney Bloch questioned Rosenberg about the dinner party:

Q. "Did you ever have any discussion with Ann Sidorovich or her husband at any time with respect to getting any information relating to the national defense of this country?"

A. "I did not."

THE COURT: "Did you ever discuss with Ann Sidorovich the respective preferences of economic systems between Russia and the United States?"

Rosenberg replied that "in my normal social intercourse with my friends we discussed matters like that." Atty. Bloch, to offset the implications of the judge's interruption, elicited from Rosenberg the statement that he would fight for this country in a war with any other country. Again Kaufman interrupted:

THE COURT: "Do you approve the communistic system of Russia over the capitalistic system of this country?"

DEATH FOR TYPISTS: The following kangaroo court tactics occurred at one of the most important junctures of the trial, over the allegation that Ethel Rosenberg typed atomic information received by Julius from Greenglass:

Q: "Did your wife ever type up at your request any matter as a result of your having received any of that 12-page descriptive matter?"

A: "She did not type any such thing."

THE COURT: "Is your wife a typist?"

A: "Yes, she is."

THE COURT: "Do you have a typewriter at home?"

A: That is right."

THE COURT: "Proceed."

* * *

Q: "Did you ever take any material that was ever transmitted to you by Dave or Ruth Greenglass and turn it over to the Russians or anybody else?"

A: "No, I did not."

THE COURT: "Did you know any Russians at that time?"

Rosenberg's direct examination ended like this:

Q: "Just one last question: Did you ever have any arrangement with Dave Greenglass or Ruth Greenglass or any Russian or with your wife or with anybody in this world to transmit information to the Soviet Union or any foreign power?"

A: "I did not have any such arrangement."

Q: "Did you ever engage in any such traffic or transactions?"

A: "I did not."

BLOCH: "I think I am through, your Honor."

But His Honor was not through.

THE COURT: "Has Mr. Sobell ever been at your home?"

A:"Yes, he has."

THE COURT: "When? Do you remember the occasions?"

A: "He has been there in '48; he has been there in '49 and been there in '47."

THE COURT: "Do you remember how many times each year?"

A: "I would say a couple of times."

(Morton Sobell was the defendant kidnaped by the FBI from Mexico and eventually convicted without a single overt act charged against him.)

SHE SERVED JELLO: Ethel Rosenberg's examination was much briefer and less involved than her husband's. But Judge Kaufman played no favorite.

Q (to Ethel Rosenberg by Bloch): "Your sister-in-law further testified that in order to arrange for . . . exchanging and getting information, you, your husband, and your sister-in-law went into the kitchen of your apartment, and that your husband took the side of a Jello box and cut it in an odd fashion and he gave your sister-in-law one half and he said, 'This half will be brought to you by another party and he will bear the greetings from me, and you will know that I have sent him'; was there any such thing?"

A: "No such thing ever happened."

Q: "Did you ever hear of any such thing as a Jello box being cut in two in order to be a means of identification of any emissary or agent to be sent by your husband out West in order to get information from the Los Alamos Project?"

A: "Outside of this courtroom, I never heard of any such thing."

THE COURT: "Incidentally, did you have any Jello boxes in your apartment?"

Saypol's hectoring was hardly less tendentious than His Honor's. Thus, in cross-examining Julius Rosenberg:

Q: "Did you ever make any contribution to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee?"

A: "Yes, I believe I did."

SAYPOL (turning to the jurors): "That is known to be an organization deemed subversive by the Attorney General."

FAIR OR FOUL? To the host of questions tossed at him by the prosecutor in cross-examination about his political affiliations, Rosenberg refused to answer, claiming privilege under the 5th Amendment. This is what happened when attorney Bloch objected to this entire line of questioning:

BLOCH: ". . . This type of question goes to collateral matter. The charge here is espionage."

THE COURT: ". . . I wouldn't entertain this if I believed it was collateral. . . . I believe that in view of the foundation which the Government has laid that it is relevant."

Rosenberg, in answer to a question from Saypol concerning his views about Russia, said he had read in the newspapers that "the Soviet government has improved the lot of the underdog there."

SAYPOL: "What newspapers did you read that in?"

A: "Various newspapers."

SAYPOL: "You mean, the Daily Worker?"

For Ethel Rosenberg, whose cross-examination by the prosecutor consisted almost entirely in attacking her exercise of privilege in refusing to answer questions before the grand jury before she was indicted, here is one of the questions which enabled Saypol and Judge Kaufman to send this mother of two small children to the Sing Sing death house:

Q. "A little while ago you said you did everything to help Davy, do you remember that?"

A. "Yes."

Q. "Did you help him join the Communist Party?"

DEATH HOUSE BANTER: Finally, when the prosecution produced a "surprise" witness under the guise of rebuttal—a photographer who testified that he had taken "passport photos" of the Rosenberg family (although he could produce no negatives of the pictures nor a record of the transaction)—attorney Bloch asked the witness:

Q: "Now there are some Saturdays when you do a rather rushing business?"

A. "Not a rushing business."

Q. "Well, a good business?"

SAYPOL: "Did you say a 'Russian business' or a 'rushing business'?"

Judge Kaufman playfully admonished the U. S. Attorney not to try to be a Milton Berle and the jury chuckled respectfully. Thereafter, their sport exhausted, both judge and prosecutor sought spiritual guidance (according to the **N. Y. Times**) and returned to Foley Square to send the objects of their banter to the Death House.

NEXT WEEK: The significance of the death sentence.

Now as for myself . . .

I don't believe in peace pacts . . .

I just raise flowers . . .

and whatever happens . . .

I'll keep on . . .

raising flowers.
Escaro in Action, Paris

How Crazy Can You Get Dept.

(The GUARDIAN rewards the sender of each item published under this heading with a free one-year sub. This week's winner: Dorothy Lawrence, Dallas, Tex.)

Tyler, Aug. 22 (AP)—Red marbles will be outlawed Thursday night at the Chinese checker tournament here, Miss Bobbie Jean Burch of the Tyler recreation department said today.

"It will be strictly a Nationalist Chinese checker tournament," she explained, "with no Communist marbles allowed." *Dallas Times-Herald, Aug. 23*

More names of U.S. prisoners

Below is a new list of American prisoners of war in North Korea made public in Chinese publications received here.

We hope you will read these new names carefully, look for names you know even though addresses may not be given, and take the very little trouble involved to write, telephone or call on the family involved.

That's all we propose, this simple neighborly act. We ourselves have scrupulously avoided every proposal to commercialize these lists or to exploit them in any way, and we earnestly counsel you to be equally respectful of the right of privacy and individual opinion of anyone you may call, write or visit in this connection. If the people want a copy of the paper in which the name of their POW may appear, we will send it free of charge on request.—THE EDITORS

Ball, Pfc. James, R.A. 15288515
Bell, Cpl. Charles, R.A. 34534863
Blas, Sgt. Cipriano M., 1st Marine Div.
Boronds, Sgt. Robert L., R.A. 39940067
Brittain, Sgt. Dewey Edward, 1st Marine Div.
Caver, Pfc. Edw., R.A. 13335274
Cipriano, Sgt. Mateo Blas, 1st Marine Division
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Crawley, Cpl. Benjamin R., R.A. 3379734(1?)2
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Darter, Pfc. James C., R.A. 17204323
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Churchmen get tough for peace

CLERGYMEN were flocking into the peace movement and digging in their heels last week, following the denial of New York's Madison Sq. Garden for a public prayer meeting sponsored by the Interfaith Committee for Peace. The committee, which includes dozens of pastors of almost every faith, promptly rented three New York halls—Manhattan Center, St. Nicholas Arena and Rockland Palace—for the same evening as the proposed Garden vigil (Oct. 7), to accommodate the thousands expected to join in prayers for peace. "With firm faith in the will of people, under God, to achieve a peaceful world," it called upon

> . . . men and women of all persuasions to meet with us in fellowship, to discuss soberly, charitably and without fear the means of establishing peace, and to ask the guidance and blessing of the Father of All upon our efforts.

Tickets for any of the three simultaneous meetings are available at the committee's office, Hotel Seville, Madison Av. and 29th St., N.Y.C. The committee was meanwhile taking steps to challenge Madison Sq. Garden's right to deny use of the hall to a religious group while renting it freely for fixed basketball gambling sessions.

CHRISTIANS & THE "CURTAIN": In London, England, a Natl. Christian Peace Conference was called for Sept. 29 by a committee of Free Church ministers, Roman Catholic laity and the Church of England "Christians and the Crisis" group, recently founded to co-ordinate and stimulate church peace work. The conference was followed by a Christian Peace Rally in Trafalgar Square. In a sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral Archdeacon Percy Hartill, pres. of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, called for a "new attitude" toward the Soviet Union and other socialist nations. Pointing out that fascism is being revived in Germany and Italy, he called for feeding the hungry instead of arming and said:

> "We must acknowledge that there is much behind the iron curtain that is righteous and true. . . . In our society there is much which goes against Christian belief, such as racial prejudice and economic greed."

"HOLY WAR" DENOUNCED: The organ of the Catholic Syndicates in Quebec, Canada, **Le Travail,** called for negotiations for peace instead of an arms race which "means war sooner or later." The paper said:

> For the Christian, the efforts for peace are a binding necessity—and the pontifical teachings strengthen our convictions in that matter. Christians cannot but look at rearmament and the cold war as the nearly insurmountable obstacle to the realization of social justice and the struggle against misery. . . . We cannot believe that in 1951 a man can be at peace with his conscience as long as he has not done everything in his power for the maintenance of world peace.

In Montreal, Canada, a group of leading Catholics formed a Christian Front for Peace, issued a manifesto denouncing "the idea of a holy war, the crusade of bombing communism." It urged followers to seek support

> . . . for the pursuit of peace through peace, and against the old, brutal and useless method of peace through war.

From 58 Protestant missionaries in Japan, Methodist Board of Missions secy. Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh received last week an "open letter to all Christian people throughout the world," urging them to oppose remilitarization of Japan and its use as a military base.

RALLYING TO DuBOIS: The committee to defend Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and four associates, indicted for refusal to register as foreign agents when they headed the Peace Information Center, stepped up activities as the trial date (Oct. 3) neared. Dr. and Mrs. DuBois (authoress Shirley Graham) concluded a Mid-West speaking tour with meetings attended by thousands in Milwaukee, Detroit and Denver. In Chicago on Sept. 22 they participated in an all-day conference of the Illinois Assembly of American Peace Crusade.

Newest committee to defend Dr. DuBois was formed in Louisville, Ky. Among participating organizations: the Housewives League, the Congregational Service Club, the Fisk University Club. In Detroit, 160 shop leaders with top officials of Ford Local 600 UAW-CIO voted full support for DuBois.

Washington State's powerful Pension Union voted unanimously to back DuBois, cooperate actively in all peace drives, carry the peace fight into community PTA, church and labor groups.

• **The petition campaign in behalf of the World Peace Council's five-power pact proposal, for which 437,960,442 signatures have been collected in other countries by latest count, opened in the U. S. S. R. Over 750,000 signatures had been collected in the first four days in Moscow and surrounding districts alone, the GUARDIAN's Ralph Parker reported.**

• **Invited by the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace to attend second anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Chinese People's Republic in Peking Sept. 23-29, author Howard Fast and singer Paul Robeson were refused passports by the State Dept. Robeson, who has brought suit against Secy. of State Acheson for depriving him of his rights under the 5th Amendment, said he would continue applying for a passport every time he is invited abroad.**

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A Javanese in U. S. tells why

'I am going home'

(The following is excerpted from a letter published in the Christian Science Monitor, written from New York by a Javanese who had spent six years studying at Ohio State, Fordham and Columbia universities. It was accompanied by a reply from a German, Robert Adam, who after four months in the U. S. called it "unjust" to say Americans have lost their sense of moral values, referred to the friendly relations between teachers and pupils and between "boss and worker," complimented the U. S. on its "integration of people of so many different nations." As proof that the U. S. is not "imperialistic" toward colored races the German cited Korea, where "it is not a white people you helped against aggression.")

I DO not like the United States at all, and I am going home. (To Jakarta, Java.)

First, you talk too much about high ideals. You are self-righteous. You are fanatically racial people. You do not like people of different color. This prejudice is deep and pervasive. Even your churches are not free of this evil.

Second, your values are reflected in your manners, which are crude. They are reflected in your home life, which is strained and full of disintegration (divorces) and is basically conditioned by economic consideration. Your sex life is very loose.

Third, your politics is a white man's politics. In the world issues of right and wrong you always side with your fellow white man. . . . Africa and what remains of Asia are still under the white man—European, and you support him by all kinds of methods—disguised and undisguised methods. That is why we cannot trust your Point Four. To us that is another trick of the white man. We have known the white man too long, and he is full of guiles.

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YOUR power politics and your strategical conduct are spread all over the world. In one breath you spout out idealism to disarm people, and in the next breath as soon as they are disarmed you cut their throats economically, militarily, politically.

Fourth, you are so rich and so powerful that you have lost your sense of moral and ethical values. Perhaps that is what overabundance does to you.

Fifth, your materialism is very obvious. You look down upon people who have little of this world's goods.

Sixth, you pride yourselves as the chosen people because you rule all over the world with your ideas and influence and your trade and your armies. You are more pleasant to look at because you say you are better looking and fair and big and tall. These things are artificial and of little moment.

Your being all over the world springs from your physical power and material power. This will not last long. This is the way to destruction. But your pride will not let you to see the truth. You are now in a position of too much comfort and too much vanity to want to admit it or change it.

I am going home, therefore, to my people and tell them to cultivate our own ways and try to avoid the contamination of yours.

Seyd Mohammad Sabodjo

The case of Angus Cameron

WHAT is left of intellectual dignity in U.S. book-publishing was further thinned down last week when, at the height of a "red" witch-hunt against its vice-president and editor-in-chief Angus Cameron, the Boston firm Little, Brown & Co. accepted Cameron's resignation.

Little, Brown has been one of the few surviving publishing firms in the best conservative tradition, with books of uniform quality by authors all the way from Left to Right appearing under its imprint. Under the editorship of Cameron—treasurer in '48 of the Wallace-for-President Comm., and only political progressive on L-B's board that made book selections—it has gained rich profit as well as prestige. Two weeks before Cameron's departure a venomous and inaccurate blast against him had appeared in **Counter-attack,** a newsletter run by former FBI agents specializing in smearing names and ruining careers. The blast "accused" Little, Brown of publishing Sean O'Casey (they don't), S. J. Perelman, Howard Mumford Jones (who "last year asked pardon for Carlo Marzani"), Howard Fast, Carey McWilliams, Albert Maitz, Albert Kahn, James Aldridge and other progressives.

The firm's four remaining directors said Cameron's resignation had "no political implications." Without mentioning his name they issued a defense of a publisher's right to publish books on merit without political litmus tests—a right they in effect abandoned in dumping Cameron under the fire of witch-hunters who could not tell a good book from a Sears Roebuck catalog.

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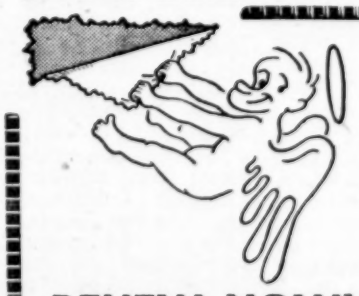

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